

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Brian Lora et al.

Application No.: 10/784,605

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For: SYSTEMS, METHODS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
MANAGING A PLURALITY OF REMOTELY LOCATED DATA STORAGE
SYSTEMS

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Group Art Unit: 2166

Examiner: Usmaan Saeed

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit the present *Amendment* in response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s) – including fees for net addition of claims – are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220